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IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) An outer joint part (12) of a constant velocity universal joint (11) in the form of a joint bell (16) with an attached connecting journal (17) and a radial supporting face (18) at the joint bell (16) at the base of the connecting journal (17), wherein the outer joint part (12), by means of threading means, can be clamped to a wheel hub (25) which has adapted to be slid on to the connecting journal and which is supported either directly or indirectly on the supporting face (18), and comprising an annular disc (22) which is made of a low-friction material and which is positioned on the supporting face (18) so as to be concentric relative to the connecting journal (17).

2.-12. (cancelled)

- 13. (new) An outer joint part according to claim 1, wherein the annular disc comprises a cylindrical portion which starts from an outer edge of the annular disc and is positioned on the joint bell in a force-locking way.
- 14. (new) An outer joint part according to claim 1, wherein the annular disc comprises an anti-friction coating.
- 15. (new) An outer joint part according to claim 1, wherein the annular disc comprises bronze or non-ferrous metal.
- 16. (new) An outer joint part according to claim 1, wherein the annular disc comprises plastics.

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17. (new) An assembly comprising:

a constant velocity universal joint with an outer joint part in the form of a joint bell with an attached connecting journal and a radial supporting face at the joint bell at the base of the connecting journal;

a wheel hub which is slid on to the connecting journal and which, via threading, is clamped to the outer joint part, wherein the wheel hub is directly or indirectly supported on the supporting face; and

an annular disc made of a low-friction material, which is positioned directly on the supporting face so as to be concentric relative to the connecting journal and which accommodates the clamping forces of the threading.

- 18. (new) An assembly according to claim 17 comprising bearings positioned on the wheel hub and whose inner bearing races are axially supported on the wheel hub and on the annular disc.
- 19. (new) An assembly according to claim 17 comprising bearings positioned on the wheel hub and whose inner bearing races are axially clamped to the wheel hub by annular beading at the wheel hub, wherein the annular beading is directly axially supported at the annular disc.
- 20. (new) An assembly according to claim 17, wherein the annular disc comprises a cylindrical portion which starts from an outer edge of the annular disc and is positioned on the joint bell in a force-locking way.
- 21. (new) An assembly according to claim 18, wherein the annular disc comprises a cylindrical portion which starts from an outer edge of the annular disc and is positioned on the joint bell in a force-locking way.

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- 22. (new) An assembly according to claim 19, wherein the annular disc comprises a cylindrical portion which starts from an outer edge of the annular disc and is positioned on the joint bell in a force-locking way.
- 23. (new) An assembly according to claim 17, wherein the annular disc comprises an anti-friction coating.
- 24. (new) An assembly according to claim 18, wherein the annular disc comprises an anti-friction coating.
- 25. (new) An assembly according to claim 19, wherein the annular disc comprises an anti-friction coating.
- 26. (new) An assembly according to claim 17, wherein the annular disc comprises bronze or non-ferrous metal.
- 27. (new) An assembly according to claim 18, wherein the annular disc comprises bronze or non-ferrous metal.
- 28. (new) An assembly according to claim 19, wherein the annular disc comprises bronze or non-ferrous metal.
- 29. (new) An assembly according to claim 17, wherein the annular disc comprises plastics.
- 30. (new) An assembly according to claim 18, wherein the annular disc comprises plastics.
- 31. (new) An assembly according to claim 19, wherein the annular disc comprises plastics.